(c) The candidates are nominated for training as per seniority. However, SC/ST candidates are nominated for training even though they are not senior enough for training.

Violation of IATA Code of Conduct

2281. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the British Airways had authorised its travel agents to issue tickets for Rs. 18,000 to anywhere in Europe and Rs. 29,000 to any destination in the world under a package valid till 31st March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether this had stunned the Air India and other international airways, sending them into a huddle to meet the challenge; and

(c) whether this scheme was in violation to the IATA Code of Conduct; if so, in what respect and what steps were taken by Air India to meet the challenge?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN) : (a) to (c) The package offered by the British Airways was brought to the notice of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation by Air India. Since this was in violation of the existing norms of approval of international tariffs, British Airways was directed to withdraw the same. This direction was complied with.

Development of Bhopal Airport

2282. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up a plan to modernise the airport infrastructure in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progress made in equipping the airports situated in Madhya Pradesh with modern technology; and

(d) the progress made in development of Bhopal airport for the operations of Airbus 320 class of aircrafts?